

Call for Applications for Nomination to the Puget Sound Partnership Ecosystem Coordination Board

IN-STATE GENERAL SMALL BUSINESS INTEREST REPRESENTATIVE POSITION

May 8, 2012

The Puget Sound Partnership's Leadership Council is seeking nominations for one appointment to the Ecosystem Coordination Board (ECB). This appointment will be used to fill the In-state General Small Business Interest Representative position.

The Partnership is charged with taking a collaborative and accountable approach to accomplishing its mission. It relies on the contributions of a variety of entities, including state, local, federal and tribal governments, community and environmental organizations, businesses, watershed and salmon recovery groups. The Partnership's work requires creativity, innovation and a wide variety of tools and approaches to engage the public, track performance and guide progress, disseminate information to stakeholders, manage data and work collaboratively with individuals and groups throughout the region.

The Partnership is guided by the Leadership Council, consisting of seven individuals committed to the environmental and economic prosperity of Puget Sound. As the decision-making body for the Partnership, the Council depends on the ECB to provide policy recommendations and the Science Panel to provide the scientific guidance needed to reach the goals set forth in the Action Agenda.

The ECB is an integral link between the Leadership Council and the work being carried out in Puget Sound. The ECB is also key in communicating the implementation work and educational activities to the broader public and to policy decision makers around the Sound.

The Puget Sound Partnership was established as a state agency by the 2007 Legislature and the Governor to develop and implement an aggressive action agenda for restoring the health of Puget Sound by 2020.

More information on the Partnership is available at our Web site: <http://www.psp.wa.gov>.

Applications are due no later than 5:00 p.m. Friday, May 25, 2012. Please see the details below.

Overview of the Ecosystem Coordination Board

The statute establishing the ECB requires the appointment of two members representing business interests, one of whom will represent in-state general small business interests. The representative is to be appointed by the Leadership Council.

The role of the ECB is specified in RCW 90.71.250(5). The ECB is required to assist with compilation of local programs for inclusion in the Action Agenda (RCW 90.71.250(5)(a)). Upon request of the Leadership Council, it can make recommendations regarding the Action Agenda (RCW 90.71.250(5)(b)). The ECB also has the duty to seek funding to implement the Action

Agenda, assist the Leadership Council with public education, and recruit involvement and collaboration to achieve Sound recovery (RCW 90.71.250(c)(d) and (e)).

Additionally, the role of the Board should be to focus on implementation of the Action Agenda, build and deploy broad-based support for the Action Agenda, and provide guidance to the Leadership Council on priority actions to move forward.

Other ECB roles include:

- Provide input to the Leadership Council on specific key policy decisions,
- Provide cross-caucus reporting and dialog on priority issues,
- Provide input to the Leadership Council on key legislative priorities,
- Engage in the Puget Sound Partnership legislative agenda,
- Help to advance specific implementation priorities,
- Problem-solve around Action Agenda priorities, emerging issues, and implementation roadblocks,
- Coordinate with the Science Panel, and
- Help to focus local integration efforts and implementation support.

The role of subcommittees created by the Board is to focus on one identified priority to develop implementation strategies and bring issues to the full Board for further deliberation.

Member Responsibilities

Board members are expected to have a representative at each meeting. Other than the legislative representatives, each representative shall identify one alternate or designee to take their place if they are unavailable to attend the meeting. Representatives are expected to bring their represented group's perspective and position to the meetings and to communicate the results of the meetings back to the groups they represent.

Anticipated Time Commitment for Board Members

ECB members should expect to commit approximately 20 hours per month. The initial term for this position will end June 30, 2016. There are no term limits.

Compensation

ECB members shall serve without compensation however, except for federal and state employees, members shall be reimbursed for travel expenses in accordance with RCW 43.03.050 and 43.03.060.

Criteria for Business Interest Representatives

- Ecosystem Coordination Board members should represent specific interests, preferably through a caucus format.
- Demonstrated capacity (i.e., available time, appropriate networks) to represent in-state general small business interests,
- Experience in and commitment to interest-based negotiation and collaborative problem-solving,
- Commitment to community-based action,
- Exceptional communication skills,
- Understanding of ecosystem processes and ecosystem-scale planning.
- Experience and expertise in science, management, policy development, law, and/or advocacy related to one or more of the following:
 - Relationships among human health, quality of life, and ecosystem services
 - Puget Sound native species, food webs, and biodiversity
 - Puget Sound-relevant habitats and habitat-forming processes

- Water quality and sediment quality
- Education and public involvement
- Public-private administration

Process for Appointment of the Business Interest Representative on the ECB

The Partnership is seeking nominations for the In-state General Small Business Interest representative on the ECB. Self-nominations are encouraged. Partnership staff will evaluate all nominations to ensure that they meet the selection criteria provided above. Staff will evaluate the applicants using evaluation criteria and provide the top names to the Leadership Council. The Council will make the final appointment of the In-state General Small Business Interest representative.

Nomination Process

There are two options for application of a candidate for consideration by the Partnership:

1 **Self-nomination:** Candidates interested in submitting themselves for consideration as the In-state General Small Business Interest representative on the ECB must submit a cover letter and resume. The cover letter should indicate why the candidate is interested in this position and how the candidate meets the criteria identified above (up to 2 pages). Candidates must also submit contact information for three individuals associated with Puget Sound businesses who support their nomination.

2 **Nominate a candidate:** To submit the name of an individual for consideration as the In-state General Small Business Interest representative on the ECB, a letter of support for the candidate indicating how he/she meets the criteria listed above must be submitted (up to 3 pages). In addition, contact information for two additional individuals associated with Puget Sound businesses that support the nomination of the candidate. Contact information for the candidate must be included.

Application Submittal Guidelines

Submit electronic or hard copies of materials described above by **5:00 p.m. on Friday, May 25, 2012** to:

Puget Sound Partnership
Ecosystem Coordination Board
Attn: Tammy Owings
326 East D Street
Tacoma, WA 98421-1801
Applications@psp.wa.gov

An email will be sent confirming that the information has been received. For questions on the ECB appointment process, please contact Tammy Owings, Puget Sound Partnership at (360) 464-1229; email at tammy.owings@psp.wa.gov